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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Application 10/028,730
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 22, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

FINAL REJECTION, EXAMINER'S ANSWER

On page 1 of the Final Rejection mailed on August 21, 2006, number 6 states:

Claim(s) 1-7, 17-24, 26-32, 37-42 is/are rejected.

Further review of pages 2-5 of the Final Rejection reveal the following rejections:

Claims 37 to 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 17, and 24, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) a being anticipated by Gunn et al (US 5,820,352).

Claims 6, 7, 18, 19, 21 to 23, 26 to 28 and 30 to 32, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gunn et al in view of Kauffman et al (US 5,209,076).

Claims 4, 5, 20, and 29, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gunn et al in view of Allison et al (5,772,403).

The Examiner reiterated the above grounds of rejection in the Examiner's Answer mailed February 25, 2008, but failed to discuss the rejection of claims 41 and 42 in both the Final Rejection and Examiner's Answer. Corrective action is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed July 25, 2008, and generate a new Examiner's Answer setting forth the correct Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal and to correct other sections of the Answer as may be required;
- 2) to include the approval of the TC Director or his/her designee (as required for any new grounds of rejection); and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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